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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2 and 6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-5 and 7-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/IC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim

1. Claims 2 and 6 are cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 5-9 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The examiner can not ascertain what the applicant intends to claim, Is it a system for downloading data from a meat processing machine and an intermediary device or a meat processing machine having an intermediary device?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 7-8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nadeau (US Pat. # 6,363,328).

Regarding claim 1, Nadeau discloses a method of downloading data from a meat processing machine comprising characterized in providing a meat processing machine; providing an intermediary device that is operatively associated with the meat processing machine; selectively actuating the intermediary device to transfer data from the meat processing machine to the intermediary device; and formulating the transferred data to be viewed (see fig. 1, element 10, cols. 5-6).

Regarding claim 3, Nadeau discloses characterized in the transferred data is selected from the group consisting of running time, pressure settings, initials of person gather data, name of product being run, recipe being used to make the product, and meat processing information (see col. 6, lines 41-55).

Regarding claim 4, Nadeau discloses the step of transmitting the transferred data to a controller (see col. 6, lines 41-55).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
 2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
 3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
 4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
4. Claims 5 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nadeau (US Pat. # 6,363,328) in view of Abe (US Pat. # 5,758,300).

Regarding claim 5, the sole difference between this claim and Nadeau is the intermediary device being operable to formulate the transferred data to be view.

However, Abe disclose a portable type diagnosing device having a display for the data to see. Nadeau and Abe are analogous art because both deal with diagnosing device for a machine. Thus it would have been obvious one skilled in the art to provide a display means with a diagnosing device so that the transferred data to be view.

Regarding claims 7-9, the sole difference between these claims and Nadeau is the intermediary device having a screen so that an operator views information. However, Abe disclose a portable type diagnosing device having a display with a screen for the data to see. Thus it would have been obvious one skilled in the art to provide a display having screen with a diagnosing device so that the transferred data to be view.

CONCLUSION

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Douglas Lee, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3745. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM- 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Albert Decady*, can be reached on (571) 272-3819 or via e-mail addressed to *[Albert.Decady@uspto.gov]*. The fax number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

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